THE NEBRASKA WRITING PROJECT

The Nebraska Writing Project is a network of teachers, kindergarten through college, devoted to the improvement of writing and the teaching of writing. Our core beliefs are:

The best teachers of writing are writers themselves.

Teachers provide the best instruction for other teachers.

Anyone, no matter their ability level, can improve their writing in a supportive context with other practicing writers.

True school reform comes through democratic partnerships across grade levels.

Teachers, students and communities benefit when teachers form networks with other teachers and draw on collective expertise.

The mission of NeWP is to improve writing and the teaching of writing throughout Nebraska.

For more information about the NeWP and its exciting programs, visit our website www.unl.edu/newp or Facebook.
THE NATIONAL WRITING PROJECT
2016 SUMMER INSTITUTES

LINCOLN SUMMER INSTITUTE
June 6th – July 1st 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Open to teachers of all disciplines and grade levels. This is NeWP’s premiere program, following the National Writing Project’s Invitational Institute model. Participants in the institute will:
• participate in their own writing;
• share their best teaching practices for writing;
• engage in inquiry and research into aspects of writing.
Institute activities include: writing exercises, visits with local experts in the teaching of writing, participant presentations on their best practices of teaching writing, professional development, practice using various computer technologies to support writing, writing workshops, institute anthology.

FACILITATORS
Dr. Lauren Gatti, UNL
Dr. Stacey Waite, UNL
Jennifer Long, Gretna High School, secondary facilitator
Tiffany Young, Pyrtle Elementary, Lincoln, elementary facilitator

STIPEND
Nebraska teachers admitted to the Lincoln Summer Institute may qualify for up to $750 stipend which helps offset the cost of 6 UNL graduate credits in English or Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education.

SERVICE LEARNING INSTITUTE
June 6th – June 24th 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Open to teachers of all grade levels, and is for 3 UNL graduate credits in English or Teaching, Learning, and Teacher Education. Past participation in a NeWP Summer or Rural Institute is preferred. This institute explores service learning and community school partnerships.

Institute activities include: exploration of the purpose of education and possible links between teaching and building democracy; writing projects; collaborative inquiry into approaches for connecting schools and communities, service-learning resources, student-driven community research, and social justice teaching practices; shared examination of the challenges and opportunities of community-based learning across the content areas; brainstorming about program-building in our own schools; experiential learning at a community site in Lincoln.

FACILITATOR
Dr. Rachel Wendler, UNL
Lauren Funk, Pius X High School

LOCATION
Both 2016 Summer Institute will be held in Andrews Hall on the UNL City campus.